REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 June 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	04ns002.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *04ns002.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer image file is one of a series of 12 images depicting a woman who is bound and restrained by rope and other devices in a way that sexualises her helplessness and/or pain.

The publication tends to promote and support the use of coercion in association with sexual conduct and acts of extreme cruelty and torture by presenting these aspects as legitimate tools for sexual arousal.

The computer image file meets criteria under ss3(2)(b) and 3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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